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Title: <i>Synthesis of Oligosaccharides, Reagents and Methods Related Thereto</i>	

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Preliminary Amendment

Please amend as set forth below the accompanying continuation application, which is a continuation of USSN 09/413,381, filed October 6, 1999. After entry of this amendment, claims 1-23 and 42-44 will be pending.

Please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

In the Specification:

On page 1, immediately after "Related Applications", please replace the first paragraph with the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/413,381, filed October 6, 1999; which claims the benefit of the filing date of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/103,291, filed October 6, 1998, the specification of which is hereby incorporated by reference.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 24-41 without prejudice.

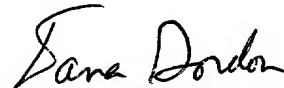
Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If a telephone conversation with Applicants' Agent would expedite prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned at (617) 832-1000.

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Marked-up version of replacement paragraph of the Specification

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